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Police partner with MVA, enforce disability parking laws

The Howard County Police Department and the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) partnered on Wednesday, Aug. 26 to enforce disability parking laws in various locations around the county. Officers approached drivers pulling into or out of handicapped parking spaces and asked operators or passengers to display disability identification cards.

Nine citations were issued to motorists inappropriately using disabled parking placards or parking in a handicapped spot with no placard at all. Each citation carries a fine between \$140 and \$350, depending on the specific violation.

Over the course of two and a half hours, officers made contact with approximately 70 motorists. When appropriate, MVA representatives provided motorists with information on how to apply for a Maryland disability placard.

Officers and MVA investigators visited parking lots at Howard Community College, The Mall in Columbia, Wal-Mart in Ellicott City and Columbia, and Target in Ellicott City and Columbia.

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